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COMPANY MEETING

VICKERS LIMITED

MR. A. A. JAMIESONS' STATEMENT

The Annual General Meeting of Vickers, Limited, was held on 3 April at Vickers House, Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W.1, and was presided over by Mr. A. A. Jamieson, the Chairman of the Company.

The Chairman's statement, circulated with the Accounts, contained the following remarks :—

I can give my assurance that the whole strength and energy of this Group of Companies are directed to ensure that punctual deliveries of our products are made to the Service Departments.

The accounts submitted are evidence that the business affairs of the Company are in sound condition and only two items appear to require elucidation. Firstly, the Metropolitan-Cammell Company repaid the balance of Debenture Stock outstanding; secondly, the Dividends on the Preference Stocks are shown this year after deduction of Tax.

Co-Operation of the Service Departments

I desire to acknowledge the co-operation of the Service Departments in our efforts to carry on production in spite of the difficult conditions inevitably existing in war-time, and I record with real gratitude the courage and determination of those of our work-people who have faced severe trials. The work of those employees who have given up their leisure to train themselves in A.R.P. duties has proved invaluable in emergency.

During the past year there have been many difficulties to overcome, but the staff and work people in this Group of Companies have proved that they are competent to foresee and to overcome difficulties which appeared to be truly formidable.

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Schemes have been formulated for each of the Works in order to encourage savings in War Savings Certificates, and more than 600,000 Certificates have been applied for through the medium of these Schemes during 1940.

At the request of the Government the services of Sir Charles Craven were placed at their disposal in May ; at my request he was released in November from his duties with the Government in order to resume his position with this organisation.

The Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted and the Final Dividend of 6 per cent. approved.

[Although reports on this page are published as advertisements care is taken to ensure, in so far as is possible, that they fairly and accurately represent what took place at the meetings.]

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Special Article

WHOLESALE PRICES IN MARCH

BOARD OF TRADE INDEX NUMBER

The following table shows the movement of wholesale prices in the last thirteen months in each of the eleven groups of commodities specified. It also shows the changes over the same period in prices of (*a*) industrial materials, classified according to stage of manufacture, and (*b*) building materials. All the commodities included in (*a*) and (*b*) are also included in their appropriate commodity groups (V-XI). In cases where the Government buys a commodity at one price and resells it at a lower one (e.g. home-produced meat) the subsidised price is the one used for the index.

Averages for the Year 1930 = 100

Group	1940										1941		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
I. Cereals...	131·1	130·6	131·6	133·1	135·0	143·0	145·8	145·7	146·3	147·5	145·8	144·2	140·5
II. Meat, fish and eggs	110·1	109·9	110·4	111·6	114·5	116·3	118·5	120·0	120·5	120·7	119·7	118·7	120·0
III. Other food and tobacco ...	128·9	134·7	140·1	143·4	150·3	145·6	152·1	160·2	159·6	162·1	164·9	165·9	168·1
Total—Food and tobacco ...	123·7	125·7	128·2	130·3	134·4	135·5	139·6	143·1	143·2	144·5	144·7	144·3	144·4
IV. Coal	134·2	135·0	139·1	140·5	140·5	140·5	140·5	140·3	151·4	152·3	155·3	156·0	156·0
V. Iron and steel...	151·5	152·7	152·8	152·7	163·8	163·3	163·4	163·5	179·0	179·5	180·2	180·6	180·9
VI. Non-ferrous metals	123·0	123·0	123·7	124·2	123·8	123·6	123·0	123·4	123·4	123·3	123·4	123·8	124·2
VII. Cotton	121·6	126·8	125·8	123·9	124·5	126·7	129·8	127·8	127·1	128·2	130·2	133·1	135·5
VIII. Wool	161·5	162·9	162·6	162·6	159·1	156·5	157·6	162·2	165·2	167·0	167·8	168·4	168·8
IX. Other textiles...	109·5	110·5	111·7	106·6	105·7	104·9	106·2	108·9	109·6	110·3	110·3	109·6	112·6
X. Chemicals and oils	113·8	114·0	115·6	117·6	118·4	119·3	120·0	121·2	122·3	122·6	123·9	124·4	125·5
XI. Miscellaneous	125·1	137·3	138·6	139·9	154·1	154·4	149·2	149·4	155·5	161·4	163·4	166·3	169·2
Total—Industrial materials and manufactures... ...	131·4	135·4	136·4	136·4	142·3	142·3	141·6	142·3	148·6	150·4	151·7	152·9	154·3
TOTAL—All articles	128·8	132·2	133·7	134·4	139·7	140·1	141·1	142·7	146·9	148·6	149·5	150·0	151·0
Industrial materials (excluding fuel):—													
Basic materials	140·4	152·1	152·2	151·5	148·9	148·9	144·5	146·0	152·7	158·2	159·5	161·0	164·8
Intermediate products	134·9	136·7	137·4	137·4	153·8	153·9	154·9	155·8	159·7	160·7	161·4	162·6	163·6
Manufactured articles	129·0	130·4	131·1	131·1	136·4	136·3	136·5	136·4	143·6	144·3	145·9	147·0	147·7
Building materials	114·3	114·8	116·1	117·4	127·0	127·6	128·0	128·4	131·4	132·8	136·3	137·7	138·2

Wholesale prices, as measured by the Board of Trade monthly index number, were 0·7 per cent. higher in March than in February. This increase was due to a rise of about 1 per cent. in the prices of industrial materials and manufactures, for which a roughly similar increase had been recorded in each of the preceding three months. Food prices again showed little change; during the six months October-March the index has only moved within a range of about 1 per cent. The aggregate increases since the outbreak of war were: General index, 54 per cent.; food prices, 59½ per cent.; and industrial materials and manufactures, 51 per cent.

The re-grouped data, in which the prices of industrial materials and manufactures (except fuel) are classified according to the stage of completion reached by the products concerned, showed increases in March as compared with February of about 2½ per cent. for basic materials and ½ per cent. for both intermediate products and manufactured articles; increases in comparison with August 1939 were 74½, 57½ and 36 per cent., respectively. Prices of building materials were about ½ per cent. higher than in February, the increase since the outbreak of war being 33 per cent.

Food prices, which rose slightly in the first half of the month, declined to the same extent in the second, while most of the rise recorded for industrial materials and manufactures occurred in the first week.

PRICE CHANGES IN COMMODITY GROUPS

The following table shows the number of items included in each of the groups of commodities distinguished in compiling the index number, and the percentage changes in each group comparing prices in March with those of a month and a year earlier; the index numbers for August 1939 are given to show the movement since the outbreak of war.

Group	No. of items	Increase (+) or Decrease (−) per cent. in March 1941, compared with		Index Numbers (1930 = 100)		
		Feb. 1941	Mar. 1940	Mar. 1941	Feb. 1941	Aug. 1939
I. Cereals	20	− 2·6	+ 7·2	140·5	144·2	84. 0
II. Meat, fish and eggs	20	+ 1·1	+ 9·0	120·0	118·7	84. 3
III. Other food and tobacco ...	28	+ 1·3	+30·4	168·1	165·9	100. 1
Total—Food and tobacco ...	68	+ 0·1	+16·7	144·4	144·3	90. 4
IV. Coal	9	*	+16·2	156·0	156·0	117. 4
V. Iron and steel ...	37	+ 0·2	+19·4	180·9	180·6	128. 6
VI. Non-ferrous metals ...	8	+ 0·3	+ 1·0	124·2	123·8	100. 7
VII. Cotton	10	+ 1·8	+11·4	135·5	133·1	81. 4
VIII. Wool	11	+ 0·2	+ 4·5	168·8	168·4	102. 6
IX. Other textiles ...	9	+ 2·7	+ 2·8	112·6	109·6	74. 1
X. Chemicals and oils	15	+ 0·9	+10·3	125·5	124·4	93. 0
XI. Miscellaneous ...	33	+ 1·7	+35·3	169·2	166·3	96. 1
Total—Industrial materials and manufactures	132	+ 0·9	+17·4	154·3	152·9	102. 2
TOTAL—All articles ...	200	+ 0·7	+17·2	151·0	150·0	98. 1
Industrial materials (excluding fuel):—						
Basic materials ...	33	+ 2·4	+17·4	164·8	161·0	94·5
Intermediate products	38	+ 0·6	+21·3	163·6	162·6	104·0
Manufactured articles	48	+ 0·5	+14·5	147·7	147·0	108·7
Building materials ...	16	+ 0·4	+20·9	138·2	137·7	104·1

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Special Article—*Continued*

Food and Tobacco.—The index for cereals recorded a fall in March of about 2½ per cent., this decline being due, as was the fall of 1 per cent. in February, to lower prices for barley (8 per cent. in March, following 3 to 4 per cent. in February). Bacon prices were advanced by about 10 per cent. under the new Control Order as from 10 March, but wet fish prices were, on the average, about 6 per cent. lower than in February, and the seasonal decline during February in the price of eggs was reflected in a lower average for March. The principal change in the other food and tobacco group was the increase on 1 March of 21½ per cent. in the authorised price of cocoa; coffee was, on the average, about 7½ per cent. dearer, and potatoes rose slightly, but the contract price of milk was lowered by 2 per cent.

Industrial Materials and Manufactures.—The largest group increase (about 2½ per cent.) was in respect of other textiles, artificial silk prices being advanced on 1 March by about 6 to 7½ per cent.; raw silk was also dearer. The rise of nearly 2 per cent. shown by the cotton group was due to higher prices for American raw cotton (3½ per cent.) and yarns (2 per cent.), while the increases recorded for cloths during February were also reflected in higher March averages. Wool prices showed little change. Coal and iron and steel prices were unchanged in March, except that imported iron ore was dearer. The price of tin rose by 2 per cent. In the chemicals and oils group the new Order which came into effect on 10 March raised the price of sulphuric acid by about 7½ per cent., while the price of varnish was advanced in the middle of the month by 12 per cent. The index for the miscellaneous group showed a rise of about 1½ per cent., hide prices being increased by 11½ to 14 per cent., while the average price of rubber was about 8½ per cent. higher than in February.

Percentage Changes.—The following table shows by 5 per cent. ranges the increases and decreases among the price averages for food and industrial materials:—

MARCH COMPARED WITH FEBRUARY

	Food (68 items)		Industrial Materials (132 items)	
	Increases	Decreases	Increases	Decreases
10–15	—	—	4	—
5–10	6	8	8	1
Under 5	7	4	21	1
Total	14*	12	33	2

* Including one increase amounting to 21½ per cent. for cocoa.

Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, or through any bookseller.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

NEUTRAL VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(*a*) SHIPOWNERS ON THE STATUTORY LIST

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution.

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners
Sakarya	Turkish	2,612	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptan
Galatasaray ...	Ditto	724	Ditto
Ollanta	Peruvian	144	Mrs. G. A. de Leemhuis Callao
Cala Antio ...	Spanish	134	Naviera Mallorquina (D. Ramus Mut.)
Cala Contesta ...	Ditto	207	Ditto
Cala Falla... ...	Ditto	Unknown	Ditto
Cala Galiota ...	Ditto	100	Ditto
Cala Llamp ...	Ditto	126	Ditto
Cala Llonga ...	Ditto	111	Ditto
Cala Marsal ...	Ditto	199	Ditto
Cala Mondrago ...	Ditto	203	Ditto
Cala Morlanda ...	Ditto	293	Ditto
Cala Murta ...	Ditto	152	Ditto
Cala Pi	Ditto	197	Ditto
Cala Reysgat ...	Ditto	283	Ditto
Cala Tuent ...	Ditto	121	Ditto
Juanot Colom ...	Ditto	111	Ditto
Manuel Guasp ...	Ditto	123	Ditto
Piedad	Ditto	90	Ditto
Turkan	Turkish	604	Fuad Recep.
Galeb	Yugoslav	440	Marin Feric
Sveti Duje ...	Ditto	3,624	Ditto
Vicko Feric ...	Ditto	4,190	Ditto
Jose Trujillo ...	Spanish	338	J. Trujillo Zafra é Hijos
Caranza	Ditto	524	Ditto
Felipe Crespi ...	Ditto	Unknown	Ditto
Santa Adela ...	Ditto	307	Marles y Serra S. en C.
Santa Anna ...	Ditto	322	Ditto
Junak	Yugoslav	1,571	"Spad" Splitsko Parobrodarsko Drustvo S.O.J.
Jadran F. ...	Ditto	387	Brodarstvo Braca Feric
Peela	Ditto	311	Ditto
Albanija	Ditto	286	Zetska Plovodba A.D. of Cetinje
Avala	Ditto	173	Ditto
Bistrica	Ditto	145	Ditto
Bojana	Ditto	249	Ditto
Cetinje	Ditto	100	Ditto
Drina	Ditto	139	Ditto
Hercegnovi ...	Ditto	260	Ditto
Morava	Ditto	150	Ditto
Sitnica	Ditto	126	Ditto
Zeta	Ditto	96	Ditto
Loveen	Panamanian	2,390	Soc. de Navegacar Centro Americano
Josephine ...	Ditto	2,609	Ditto

(*b*) SHIPS DISCRIMINATION LIST

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are warned that shipments by the following vessel may lead to difficulties.

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners
Buenos Aires ...	Argentine	2,263	Argentina Nueva Cia General de Navegacion
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Ditto
Madryn	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atleta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto

NETHERLANDS CONCERNS TRANSFERRED TO NETHERLANDS OVERSEA TERRITORY

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27 March 1941 (page 212), following is a further list of companies and concerns which the Netherlands Government has certified as having transferred their seats from the Netherlands:—

SEATS TRANSFERRED TO BATAVIA

Cultuur Maatschappij Pengalian N.V. (Pengalian Plantation Co., Ltd.).
Commanditaire Vennootschap Firma Koch en Suermondt (Koch & Suermondt Co.).

SEATS TRANSFERRED TO CURACAO

Westersche Bank N.V. (Western Bank, Ltd.).
N. V. Inhuma Intercontinentale Huiden Maatschappij ("Inhuma" Intercontinental Hide Co., Ltd.).
Hollandsch Luxemburgsche Financierings Societeit N.V. (Holland Luxemburg Finance Society, Ltd.).
N. V. Rembours en Industrie Bank (Reimbursal & Industrial Bank, Ltd.).
Industrielle Beleggings Maatschappij Ibema N.V. (Industrial Investment Co., "Ibema," Ltd.).
Ijzerhandel Hollandia N.V. (Hollandia Iron Trading Co., Ltd.).
Polaks Frutal Works N.V. (Polaks Frutal Works, Ltd.).
N. V. Amstelbank (Amstel Bank, Ltd.).
N. V. Ingenieursbureau H. N. van Dijk (Engineering Bureau H. N. van Dijk, Ltd.).
N. V. Jules Roos (Jules Roos, Ltd.).
N. V. Groma (Groma Co. Ltd.).

Announcements—*Continued*

ANGLO-SPANISH TRADE AND PAYMENTS AGREEMENT, 1940

LIQUIDATION OF ARREARS

The announcement on this subject in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 14 November last (page 308) reproduced a notice issued by the Instituto Español de Moneda Extranjera, Madrid, to the effect that applications for the transfer of the first instalment (50 per cent.) of arrears of debts due to persons in the United Kingdom should be submitted to the Instituto by 30 November 1940.

The Board of Trade announce that arrangements have now been made with the Spanish authorities for the extension to 30 June 1941 of the period within which such applications may be submitted to the Instituto. Creditors concerned should make every endeavour to ensure that applications are submitted by their debtors before that date.

The fact that a debtor has not yet been able to obtain the release of a peseta deposit which has been blocked in accordance with Spanish law does not debar the debtor from making application for the transfer of the debt and securing registration of the details so as to facilitate payment when the pesetas are de-blocked.

MACHINERY AND PLANT (CONTROL) ORDER, 1940*

LICENCE FOR THE TEMPORARY SUPPLY OF REFRIGERATING MACHINERY AND PLANT

Licences have been issued whereby :—

Walkers (Liverpool), Limited,
Refrigeration (Birmingham), Limited,
Automatic Cold Control Company,
Fred G. Alden, Limited,
H. C. Troldahl, Limited,
R. Alger & Sons, Limited,
C. Buswell & Sons, Limited,

may supply service equipment to any person carrying on a business in which refrigerating machinery or plant is used, during such time as refrigerating machinery or plant belonging to that person is being repaired, reconditioned or replaced.

Accordingly, individual licences for the above companies to supply such equipment in these circumstances will not be required.

* See the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6 June 1940 (page 542).

IMPORT LICENSING

AMENDMENT OF EIRE OPEN GENERAL LICENCE

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS No. 121

In Notice to Importers No. 119 (see the Board of Trade Journal of 27 February, page 128) announcement was made of the withdrawal of the Eire Open General Licence for "apparel and other manufactures wholly or mainly of cotton, linen, silk or artificial silk or mixtures thereof" other than certain specified exceptions.

As from 7 April 1941 individual import licences are required for the importation from Eire of similar manufactures of wool.

Broadly speaking, the effect of this amendment is that individual licences are necessary as from 7 April for the import from Eire of goods subject, in the United Kingdom, to the Limitation of Supplies (Woven Textiles) (No. 7) Order, 1941.*

Forms of application may be obtained from the Import Licensing Department or from the offices of Collectors of H.M. Customs and Excise. Applications should be addressed to the Import Licensing Department, Board of Trade, 1-6, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

* See the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20 March 1941 (page 201).

Announcements—*Continued*

AMENDMENTS TO OPEN GENERAL LICENCE

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS No. 122

The Board of Trade announce that, by arrangement with the Ministry of Food, the existing Open General Licence for certain goods has been amended so that separate licences are required, as from 7 April 1941, for the importation of :—

(1) Fresh Salmon consigned from any country.
(2) Fresh and frozen Salmon consigned from Eire.
(3) Wines and Spirits consigned from Eire.

Separate licences will not, however, be required for any such goods proved to the satisfaction of H.M. Customs and Excise to have been dispatched to the United Kingdom before 7 April 1941, and imported into this country before 7 June 1941.

Applications (in duplicate) for licences to import salmon should be addressed to the Ministry of Food, Fish Branch, Osborne Hotel, Colwyn Bay, and for wines and spirits to the Ministry of Food, Room 17, Hotel Metropole, Colwyn Bay.

Forms of application can be obtained from the Import Licensing Department or from the Offices of Collectors of H.M. Customs and Excise. *The direction at the head of the application form that it should be forwarded to the Import Licensing Department should be ignored.*

LIMITATION OF SUPPLIES (WOVEN TEXTILES) (NO. 7) ORDER *

SHIRTS AND WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES AND NURSES' UNIFORMS

The Board of Trade have issued a General Licence (S.R. & O. 1941, No. 460, price 1d.) under the Limitation of Supplies (Woven Textiles) Order which enables more nurses' uniforms and shirts to be made up in Northern Ireland where there is a certain amount of labour that can be spared for this work. The Board have now extended the arrangement to cotton, rayon or wool uniforms for the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence. Any such uniforms certified by the Ministry of Commerce of Northern Ireland to have been made up in Northern Ireland may be supplied by any registered person outside his quota.

NEW QUOTAS UNDER LIMITATION OF SUPPLIES (MISCELLANEOUS) ORDER

There will be larger quotas beginning next June for razor blades, for buckets, kettles and saucepans made of tinplate or blackplate and for fibre suitcases. These concessions are contained in a Board of Trade announcement covering the next restriction period under the Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) Order. As from 1 June the effective quota for razor blades and for buckets, kettles and saucepans made of tinplate or blackplate will be raised from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent., and in view of the great demand for cheap suitcases, especially among the evacuees from bombed areas, the effective quota for fibre suitcases and attaché cases from 33⅓ per cent. to 50 per cent.

All other quotas remain the same with the following exceptions.

Because of the restricted supply of materials for covering and filling mattresses, bolsters, pillows, cushions, down quilts, etc., the quota for these goods is being reduced from 66⅔ per cent. to 50 per cent. ; but this will not affect the supplies of mattresses in bombed areas where, to meet the needs of the homeless, Local Authorities can obtain supplies free of restriction.

In view of the demand for labour the quota for pottery is being reduced from 50 per cent. to 40 per cent. The effective quota for glassware is also being reduced from 33⅓ per cent. to 26⅔ per cent.

The new quota for all kinds of floor coverings will be reduced from 50 per cent. to 33⅓ per cent., which is the present effective quota for wool carpets.

These changes have been dictated by considerations of the supplies of labour and raw materials but, in maintaining the greatest degree of flexibility in the administration of the Limitation of Supplies Orders, the more urgent demands of consumers for particular articles have been, and will be, met wherever possible.

* See the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20 March 1941 (page 201).

Announcements—*Continued*

BRITISH STANDARDS SPECIFICATIONS

MAINS-OPERATED APPARATUS FOR RADIO, ACOUSTIC AND VISUAL REPRODUCTION (SAFETY REQUIREMENTS)

The British Standards Institution has recently issued a revision of the above specification. This revision was undertaken chiefly as a result of the circulation, by the International Electrotechnical Commission, of a draft international Specification for safety requirements for mains-operated radio apparatus.

The present revision has incorporated as much of the material of that draft as has proved acceptable to the interests in this country.

The scope of the British specification is wider than that of the I.E.C. draft, for it includes television and public address equipment, but it can be said that the present issue of B.S. 415 differs little in principle from the I.E.C. proposals, so that when circumstances permit of the completion of the international draft, the British Standard will be found to be in line on all fundamental questions, though differing in some important details.

The general plan of the specification follows the lines of the previous edition, except that Section 4 has been directed more specifically to the design features of the apparatus than to its actual construction. A new Section, No. 7, has been added, dealing with the installation of the apparatus.

Copies of the revised Specification (B.S. 415-1941) may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, Publications Department, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d. post free.

EARTHING CLAMPS AND CLIPS

In 1938 the Institution of Civil Engineers issued some Regulations for Earthing Electrical Installations to Metal Water-pipes and Water-mains, these regulations having been drafted under the auspices of that Institution as the result of agreements arrived at between representatives of Water and Electrical Interests.

Clause 3 of these regulations prescribes that every earth-connecting device to a water-main or water-pipe shall be of an approved design such as to ensure an efficient electrical connection. The Committee which drafted the regulations requested the British Standards Institution to draw up a specification which could be taken as a basis for the approval of earth-connected devices.

This request has resulted in the issue of B.S. 951, Earthing Clamps for Use on Metal Pipes of Internal Diameter up to 3 inches. The specification is based on performance rather than on mechanical design, but certain mechanical features of construction are laid down. For instance, the connection of the earthing lead to the clamp must not be made by means of the screw or screws which are themselves used for tightening the clamp to the pipe. A range of sizes has been standardised and tests for electrical resistance and for torque are prescribed. In an appendix some notes are given on the relation between the internal and external diameters of copper, iron or lead water-pipes and steel or copper electrical conduit; from these notes the appropriate size of earthing clamp for use on any particular pipe can be ascertained.

Copies of this new Specification (B.S. 951-1941) may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, Publications Department, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d. post free.

MATERIALS FOR HORIZONTAL CLASSIFICATION FOR BITUMINOUS DAMP PROOF COURSES

This specification, which was first issued in July 1937, has now been revised in the light of experience gained in its use. The chief alterations are a reduction in the minimum thickness of copper damp-proof courses and a rearrangement of the clauses referring to the impregnating and coating materials used in the manufacture of bituminous damp-proof courses with hessian base. The maximum amount of inert material admissible is not now stated, but the properties of the material are more exactly specified.

Copies of the revised specification (B.S. No. 743-1941) may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, Publications Department, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d. post free.

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CANADIAN STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa h furnished copies of the undermentioned specificatio recently issued by the Canadian Government Purchasi Standards Committee, and they may be borrowed for short time from the Department of Overseas Tra St. Michael's Road, Bournemouth; the Reference N 15711/40 should be quoted :—

No. 1-GP-17-1941, Exterior Enamel, White and Tinted.

No. 1-GP-28-1941, Exterior Linseed Oil Paints, White a Tinted.

No. 1-GP-29-1941, Exterior and Marine Enamel, Signal R and Post Office Red.

No. 1-GP-44-1941, Marine Enamel, White and Grey.

No. 1-GP-55-1941, Exterior Priming Paint, White Le Linseed Oil Type.

No. 1-GP-56-1941, Interior Priming Paint for Wood.

No. 1-GP-57-1941, Interior Paint, Semi-gloss.

All these specifications were issued on 15 Februa 1941.

MINISTRY OF FOOD ORDERS

In continuation of the list given in the "Board Trade Journal" of 3 April (page 236), the followi Orders made by the Ministry of Food under the Defe Regulations have been published as S.R. & O. 19 price 1d. :—

No. 399, General Licence, dated 22 March 1941, under Compound and Mixed Feeding Stuffs (Control) (No. 2) Or 1940, and the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) Order, 1941.

No. 417, The Fish Sales (Control) Order, 1941, dated 26 Ma 1941.

No. 431, The Use of Milk (Restriction) Order, 1941, da 27 March 1941.

No. 432, Order, dated 28 March 1941, amending the Products (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1940.

No. 440, The Icelandic Cod (Maximum Prices) Order, 19 dated 29 March 1941.

No. 442, Order, dated 29 March, 1941, amending the Directio dated 6 January 1940, made under the Rationing Order, 19

No. 449, Directions, dated 29 March 1941, under the Feedi Stuffs (Rationing) Order, 1941.

HOME TRADE REGISTER

This issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" went press a day earlier than usual owing to the parti observance of Good Friday by the printing tra Publication of a further list of additions to and remov from the Register has therefore been postponed un next week. No changes have been notified in t Woven Textiles Register.

Meanwhile, it should be noted that the nam Heathcote, John, & Co. (of Tiverton, Devon), giv in the issue of 20 March (page 201), should re "Heathcoat," etc.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Chemists' and Druggists' Year Book, 1941. Publish at the Offices of "The Chemist and Druggist," 28, Essex Stre Strand, London, W.C.2.

Economic and Statistical Bulletin of Southern Rhode Vol. VIII (New Series), No. 22. Issued by the Departm of Statistics, Salisbury.

The Ironmonger Hardware Buyers' Guide, 1941. Incorporati *The Hardwareman Year Book*. (Head Office, 28, Essex Stre Strand, London, W.C.2.)

Tin Statistics for February, published in the "Statisti Bulletin" of the Tin Research Institute, Fraser Road, Greenfo Middlesex. (Controlled by the International Tin Research a Development Council and issued in March 1941.)

The British Plastics Year Book, 1941. Published b Plastics Press, Ltd., 19-23, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.4. Pr 15s. net.

This publication can be designated the Handbook and Gui to the Plastics Industry.

Trade and Industry

BRITISH EMPIRE

UNITED KINGDOM

LEASE AND LEND ACT AND OUR EXPORT POLICY

In the House of Commons on 3 April, Mr. Pickthorn asked the President of the Board of Trade if he could make any statement about the effect on the United Kingdom export policy of the Lease and Lend Act.

Mr. Oliver Lyttelton replied "Yes, Sir. This country needs more and more supplies of every kind from the United States. His Majesty's Government are grateful for the ungrudging aid which they have already received and are fortified by the assurance which the Lend-Lease Act provides for continued supplies of essential goods. Our need for dollars, however, remains very great, and anything which adds to our dollar earnings is a contribution of first rate importance to our cause. That is one reason why His Majesty's Government still regard it as a necessity for this country to maintain and extend its exports to the United States, and continue to give every assistance to that trade. The extent to which this purpose can be achieved, of course depends largely on the response of buyers in the United States, and I trust that they will continue to ask for our products. Experience will, I think, have demonstrated to them our ability to produce and deliver the goods and to maintain their traditional high quality."

EXPORT GROUPS

CORRECTIONS

With reference to the complete list of Export Groups which was published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 23 January (pages 34-43) the following corrections are notified :—

Book Publishers' Export Group.—The Chairman of this Group is now Mr. Walter G. Harrap with Mr. Geoffrey Faber as Vice-Chairman.

Internal Combustion Engine War Export Group.—Mr. H. L. P. Myles has been appointed Chairman of this Group in place of Sir Lynden Macassey who has resigned.

Cement Export Group.—The telephone number of this Group is now Abbey 3323.

Proprietary Remedies Export Group.—The address of this Group is now 59-61, Mortimer Street, W.1.

AUSTRALIA

TRADE BALANCE IN JANUARY

The Australian overseas trade returns for January, forwarded by the Official Secretary in London to the Commonwealth, are set out hereunder. The figures are shown in both British and Australian currency, the adjustments of value having been calculated at the appropriate rates of exchange.

Item	British Currency Value	Australian Currency Value
	£	£
Exports of merchandise	9,883,000	12,379,000
Imports of merchandise	9,496,000	11,894,000
Surplus of exports (excluding gold and silver bullion and specie) ...	387,000	485,000

BRITISH INDIA

WEATHER AND CROPS

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics reports as follows on the weather and crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates stated :—

RAINFALL

Calcutta, 30 March.—There has been local scattered rainfall.

CROP CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

Madras, 22 March.—There has been no rain. The sowing of paddy and dry crops is proceeding. The condition of crops is fair except in the Deccan and the South.

Central Provinces, 22 March.—The weather has been clear and warm with light showers in Yeotmal. Rabi operations are finished and wheat continuing.

Bihar, 24 March.—There have been slight showers in Jamshedpur. The condition of crops is fair.

Orissa, 24 March.—There have been very light showers in Puri and Sambalpur. The threshing of saradh paddy continues. Til, sugarcane and tobacco are thriving.

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Punjab, 24 March.—Light showers in Amritsar, Sialkot and Multan have benefited standing crops, which are average to above average in the irrigated and under-average to average in the unirrigated areas. Damage was done to some crops in Ambala by strong winds.

Assam, 31 March.—The weather has been seasonable and prospects are fair.

Bengal, 26 March.—The weather has been hot and rainless except for light scattered showers in a few places. Rain is urgently needed for the cultivation of autumn crops and the growth of standing crops. The harvesting of spring crops is being completed.—*Trade Commissioner for India in London.*

CANADA

SOURCES OF IMPORTS IN JANUARY

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, has recently issued statistics showing the principal sources of imports (excluding gold) during January 1941 and 1940, as under :—

Country	January 1941	January 1940
	Thou.	dols.
All countries ... ...Total	98,382	71,104
Empire countries ... ...Total	23,354	16,664
Foreign countries ... ...Total	75,028	54,440
British East Africa	114	224
British South Africa	128	109
British India with Burma	896	949
Ceylon	284	304
Straits Settlements	3,158	2,586
British Guiana	503	949
British West Indies	443	199
Newfoundland	293	171
Australia	1,143	445
Fiji	1,040	339
New Zealand	792	333
United Kingdom	14,283	9,941
United States	70,273	48,576
Argentina	240	611
Brazil	1,594	272
China	297	439
Colombia	446	292
Egypt	9	230
Japan	428	538
Netherlands East Indies	329	148
Netherlands West Indies	133	369
Sweden	24	260
Switzerland	330	419

FOREIGN

ARGENTINA

FOREIGN TRADE IN 1940

An adverse trade balance amounting to 70,824,000 pesos was recorded for the year under review as compared with a favourable balance amounting to 234,841,000 pesos in 1939. The figures for the past three years, excluding gold movements, compare as follows :—

Year	Imports		Exports	Trade Balance
	Tariff Value	Market Value	Market Value	
	Thou.	pesos.	Thou.	pesos.
1940	1,079,326	1,498,757	1,427,933	— 70,824
1939	1,248,353	1,338,332	1,573,173	+234,841
1938	1,419,438	1,460,888	1,400,453	— 60,435

CHIEF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

The tariff values of the principal import groups in 1940 were were :—fuel and lubricants, 188,601,000 pesos as compared with 231,299,000 pesos in 1939; textiles, 188,120,000 pesos (219,902,000 pesos); machinery and vehicles, 107,061,000 pesos (131,714,000 pesos); iron and steel and manufactures, 99,330,000 pesos (121,824,000 pesos); chemicals, oils, paints, etc., 91,919,000 pesos (97,622,000 pesos); and foodstuffs, 77,906,000 pesos (84,452,000 pesos).

The market values of the chief exports were :—meat, 307,836,000 pesos (332,889,000 pesos); wheat, 284,170,000 pesos (274,515,000 pesos); wool, 194,682,000 pesos (162,740,000 pesos); linseed, 119,166,000 pesos (170,232,000 pesos); hides and skins, 114,149,000 pesos (113,930,000 pesos); and maize, 85,278,000 pesos (202,574,000 pesos).

Trade and Industry—*Continued*

DISTRIBUTION OF TRADE

The trade in 1940 and 1939 was chiefly distributed as under :—

Country	Imports Tariff Value 1940	Imports Tariff Value 1939	Exports Market Value *1940	Exports Market Value 1939
	Thou.	pesos.	Thou.	pesos.
United Kingdom ...	213,583	248,274	519,627	564,692
United States ...	314,567	215,152	250,053	188,810
Brazil	84,586	80,712	76,141	67,121
France	32,890	70,204	82,539	76,183
Italy	24,489	33,279	49,160	33,193
Holland	13,728	29,389	53,382	127,630
Belgium	30,684	80,718	35,749	110,906
Japan	22,930	10,155	21,423	10,822

* The export figures for 1940 do not include shipments "for orders," etc., valued at 55,508,000 pesos. A large proportion of such shipments was probably destined for the United Kingdom. —*Bank of London and South America, Ltd., London.*

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

BRITISH EMPIRE

AUSTRALIA

TARIFF BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the Annual Report of the Australian Tariff Board for the year ended 30 June 1940.

The Report is divided into two parts. Part I contains statistical matter, including details of the meetings held and of the various Reports issued by the Board during the year under review. Part II contains reviews of the competitive position of Australian industry; extensions of industry; Trade Diversion policy; the effect of war conditions on the work of the Tariff Board; and the expansion of industries under war and post-war conditions.

A copy of the report may be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

TARIFF DECISIONS

The following decisions respecting the application of the Australian Customs Tariff are among those which have beenissued by the Commonwealth Department of Trade and Customs :—

Goods	Classification and Duty under the British Preferential Tariff: Tariff Item No.	Rate of Duty
Buttons :—		
Toolmakers' buttons for accurate location of jig, die and fixture work	208 (A) (2)	*45% *ad val.*
Chain and Chains :—		
Chains for pipe wrenches, imported separately	194 (C)	*27½% *ad val.*
Drugs, Chemicals and Medicines :—		
Bromethol in solution form	285 (B)	Free
Chemicals compounded from acetylene gas and hydrochloric acid, somewhat similar in appearance to crude rubber	Unspecified	Free
Lactoflavin (Riboflavin) when packed under a proprietary name or when put up as a medicine preparation or in any of the forms mentioned in Tariff Item 285(A)	285 (B)	Free
Magnesium Chloride, commercial grade, for all purposes	404	Free
Electrical Appliances and Materials :—		
Discs and plates of oxidised copper or of selenium coated iron, when in sizes suitable for incorporation in electric current metal rectifier elements	179 (D) (4) (A)	Free
Fuse units consisting of a fuse base and fuse carrier :—		
Being of a type commercially usable only with fuses referred to in Item 179 (B) (8)	179 (B) (8)	Free
Otherwise	179 (B) (7)	30% *ad val.*
And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of expectation, an additional duty of		6% *ad val.*
* Subject to exchange deduction.		
Meters, electrical, commercially usable only as milliamp meters, imported with blank dials to be graduated locally to give readings in milliamps	181 (A) (1) (B)	Free
Gauges, indicating by means of coloured electric lights whether goods being tested are within certain tolerances—as a precision test indicator	415 (A) (2)	Free

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Goods	Classification and Duty under the British Preferential Tariff: Tariff Item No.	Rate of Duty
Kindergarten Materials :—		
Sewing cards, S.W., consisting of needle, thimble, lengths of wool yarn, and coloured pictures with dots on them so as to indicate to the child where to sew—the whole contained in a paperboard box	349	Free
Machinery, Machines, etc. :—		
Purifier, steam	174 (X) (22)	Free
Magnets :—		
Magnet sections, demagnetised, cast from cobalt steel, aluminium nickel steel or aluminium nickel cobalt steel, for use in the manufacture of dynamos for cycle lighting sets, under security	404	Free
Metals :—		
Aluminium :—		
Strip, plain, of gauges finer than No. 16 gauge (1 S.W. 6) but thicker than No. 38 gauge (1 S.W. 6) for all purposes... ...	404	Free
Piece-goods :—		
Cotton :—		
Defined for the manufacture of tablecloths and not being admissible under item 105 (B) :—		
Imported in an unhemmed, compressed and unboxed condition :—		
Designed for hemming	120 (D)	½d. per sq. yd., or 5% *ad valorem*, whichever rate returns the lower duty.
Otherwise	120 (A) (1)	20% *ad val.*
And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation an additional duty of		·3% *ad val.*
Pipes and Tubes (Metal) :—		
Alloy tubing composed of nickel, chromium and iron, providing the nickel content thereof exceeds 70 per cent. for all purposes ...	404	Free
Saws :—		
Segmental saws and spare segments therefor	215 (A)	Free
Scientific Instruments and Apparatus :—		
Endoscope for ocular examination of internal surfaces of tubes, cylinders and recesses ...	415 (A) (2)	Free
Sheets, consisting principally of synthetic resin preparations, used as an upper shoe material	Unspecified	Free
Stops :—		
Door stops, metal, cast in relief, being a representation of flowers in a basket with a ribbon tied in a bow knot	109	30% *ad val.*
And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation an additional duty of		·4% *ad val.*
Taps or Cocks :—		
Cocks, jet, cast brass, incorporating an adjustable needle which regulates the rate of flow of gas therefrom—commercially usable only in gas stoves	180 (C) (2) (B)	25% *ad val.*
Vehicle parts, motor—		
Covers of any material for fitting to the floor of a car around the base of the gear shift lever, the steering column or the shafts of the brake and clutch pedals, in order to avoid the seeping of oil to the floor of the car and the ingress of dust or draught, respectively	359 (D) (4) (A)	Free

CEYLON

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

The "Ceylon Government Gazette" of 24 January 1941 contains a copy of four Orders of the same date which make the following provisions.

The importation into Ceylon of the following classes of goods when shipped direct from the United Kingdom is prohibited.

1. All articles of food and drink falling within Groups A, B, C, D and E in Class I of the Customs Classification with the exception of sparkling wines other than chanpagne.

2. All vegetable oils other than those included in item 1 above.

3. Starch of all kinds.

The notice published in the "Ceylon Government Gazette" of 2 December 1940 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 13 March 1941, is cancelled.

The following further amendments are made to the lists of goods the importation of which into Ceylon is restricted or prohibited.

GOODS THE IMPORTATION OF WHICH FROM ALL SOURCES IS PROHIBITED

The following new items are inserted :—

11. Electric vacuum cleaners.
12. Electric dry shavers.
13. Manufactures of ivory.
14. Manufactures of tortoiseshell.
15. Lacquerware.

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16. Marble, unwrought.
17. Silk handkerchiefs.
18. Artificial silk handkerchiefs.
19. Damasceneware.
20. Satsumaware.
21. Cloisonneware.
22. Bonbons (crackers).
23. Paper lanterns and festoons.

GOODS THE IMPORTATION OF WHICH, WHEN GROWN, PRODUCED, OR MANUFACTURED IN CANADA, PALESTINE, TRANSJORDAN OR ANY TERRITORY OR PLACE NOT FORMING PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE IS PROHIBITED

111. Instruments, appliances and apparatus (except electrical) falling under the headings "Apparatus for use in the campaign against anchylostomiasis or for educational purposes or for research work," "Other—mathematical," "Other—optical" and "Other—scientific" *in Class III, Group E of the Customs Classification (with the exception of X-Ray equipment).*

115. Electric batteries and accumulators (except splash-proof for motor vehicles); *all descriptions other than* [dry cell batteries and] wireless batteries and accumulators.

[155A.—Leather, dressed, goat and sheep skins.]

156. Leather and manufactures thereof (except apparel and machine belting).

[156. Saddlery and harness.]

169A. Brooms and brushes [paint brushes].

176. Gramophones and phonographs including parts and accessories and records.

[176. Gramophones and phonograph records].

178A. Toys *and parlour games other than bonbons (crackers)* [made wholly or mainly of metal].

28b. Milk, preserved (including powdered milk)—Full cream.

28c. Milk, preserved (including powdered milk)—Skimmed.

28d. Milk foods.

30a. Potatoes.

45aa. Precious and semi-precious stones and pearls other than diamonds.

45c. Non-metalliferous mining and quarry products falling under the heading "Non-metalliferous mining and quarry products, unmanufactured, not elsewhere specified" in Class II, Group B of the Customs Classification.

113a. Torch bulbs.

125b. Oil pressing and refining machinery.

127. Prime movers, not electrical.

151. Paints and colours.

162a. Mechanically propelled road vehicles other than motor lorries, motor vans, motor omnibuses and tractors.

172a. Glass beads and bangles.

174a. Lamps and lanterns (except electric) and parts thereof other than chimneys.

176a. Oil and floor cloth.

177a. Cosmetics, powder and toilet requisites and articles used in the manufacture thereof including bayrum, eau-de-cologne, lavender water and hair lotions, but excluding all other perfumed spirits and all natural essential oils.

177b. Pictures and prints (other than original paintings and drawings).

GOODS THE IMPORTATION OF WHICH WHEN GROWN, PRODUCED OR MANUFACTURED IN CANADA, PALESTINE, TRANSJORDAN OR ANY TERRITORY NOT FORMING PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT UNDER LICENCE

[9. Potatoes.

28A. Torch bulbs.

30. Dry cell batteries other than wireless batteries.

47A. Paints and colours.

52A. Mechanically propelled road vehicles other than motor lorries, motor vans, motor omnibuses and tractors.

55. Gramophones and phonographs, including parts and accessories other than records.

55A. Oil and floor cloth.

56. Cosmetics, powder and toilet requisites and articles used in the manufacture thereof, including bay rum, eau-de-cologue, lavender water and hair lotions, but excluding all other perfumed spirits and all natural essential oils.

58. Toys and parlour games other than toys made wholly or mainly of metal.]

31a. Pumping machinery.

45a. Disinfectants, insecticides and weed-killers.

NOTE.—The wording in *italics* represents an addition. The wording in square brackets [] represents a deletion.

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Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued*

GAMBIA

CUSTOMS TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of Order No. 5 of 1941, which provides as from 11 February 1941 for the following modifications to the Gambia Customs Tariff:—

Goods	New Duties		Former Duties	
	British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff	British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Aerated and mineral waters *and non-alcoholic beverages of all kinds, but not including fruit juices or other liquids which ordinarily are diluted before use* [natural or artificial] per gallon	0 1 3	0 1 8	0 0 6	0 0 9
Biscuits, bread and cakes:—				
(1) *Trade biscuits, otherwise known as cabin bread* per 100 lb.	0 3 0	0 5 0	—	—
(2) *Other* ... ... *ad val.*	15%	20%	—	—
[(1) Fancy or sweetened per 100 lb.	—	—	0 16 0	1 0 0
(2) Unsweetened, in tins per 100 lb.	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0
(3) Not tinned, otherwise known as trade biscuits per 100 lb.	—	—	0 3 0	0 5 0]
*[Butter and butter substitutes:—				
(1) Butter, tinned or otherwise preserved in bottles or jars per 100 lb.	—	—	0 12 0	0 15 0
(2) Oleomargarine ,,	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0
(3) Other ... ,,	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0]
Candles, including night lights and tapers ... ... per 100 lb.	0 4 0	0 5 0	—	—
[Candles:—				
(1) Tallow ... per 100 lb.	—	—	0 4 0	0 5 0
(2) Other ... ,,	—	—	0 4 0	0 5 0]
*[Cheese ... ... ,,	—	—	0 16 0	1 0 0]
Cider and perry ... per gallon	0 5 0	0 6 0	0 1 0	0 1 3
*[Confectionery ... ... *ad val.*	—	—	9%	11%]
*[Fruit:—				
(1) Dried ... per 100 lb.	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0
(2) Candied and crystallised ,,	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0
(3) Canned or otherwise preserved in bottles or jars per 100 lb.	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0]
*[Jams and jellies ,,	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0]
*[Lard and lard substitutes ,,	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0]
Matches:—				
In boxes containing 80 matches or less (matches in boxes containing a greater quantity than 80 matches each to be charged in proportion) per gross of boxes	0 2 0	0 2 9	0 1 6	0 2 6
*[Meats:—				
(1) Canned or otherwise preserved in bottles or jars per 100 lb.	—	—	0 16 0	1 0 0
(2) Smoked or cured ,,	—	—	0 16 0	1 0 0
(3) Pickled ... ,,	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0
(4) Other, including extracts per 100 lb.	—	—	0 16 0	0 10 0]
Milk, condensed, dried or otherwise preserved:—				
(1) *Powder or* sweetened per 100 lb.	0 16 0	1 0 0	0 16 0	1 0 0
(2) Unsweetened ,,	0 8 0	0 10 0	0 8 0	0 10 0
Oils:—				
(1) Illuminating, including kerosene and other refined petroleum burning oils per gallon	0 0 4	0 0 6	0 0 4	0 0 6
(2) Motor spirit, including benzene, benzolene, gasolene and naphtha per gallon	0 0 8	0 0 10	0 0 6	0 0 8
(3) Fuel oil for internal combustion engines per gallon	0 0 4	0 0 6	unchanged	
(4) Fuel oil for use in furnaces per gallon	0 0 3	0 0 4		
(5) Lubricating ,,	0 0 4	0 0 4		
(6) Edible ... ,,	0 0 3	0 0 4		
(7) Other, including *unperfumed essential and medicinal* [essential, medicinal and perfumed] oils per gallon	0 2 0	0 2 6		
Perfumery, cosmetic articles and toilet preparations not elsewhere enumerated, tooth powders, tooth pastes, tooth washes, lotions and washes, non-spirituous ... ... *ad val.*	33⅓%	40%	9%	11%
*[Pickles, sauces and condiments *ad val.*	—	—	9%	11%]

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued*

Goods	New Duties: British Preferential Tariff	New Duties: General Tariff	Former Duties: British Preferential Tariff	Former Duties: General Tariff
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Playing cards ... per pack	*0 0 4*	*0 0 5*	—	—
Provisions, unenumerated *ad val.*	15%	20%	9%	11%
Soap :—				
(1) Toilet, including shaving and medicated ... *ad val.*	33⅓%	40%	—	—
per 100 lb.	—	—	0 5 0	0 6 3
*[Spices ... ... *ad val.*	—	—	9%	11%]
Spirits :—				
(1) Potable :—				
(*a*) Brandy				
(*b*) Gin				
(*c*) Rum	3 5 0	4 0 0	1 15 0	2 2 0
(*d*) Whisky	per	gallon	per	gallon
(*e*) Cordials and liqueurs ...				
(*f*) Other				
[The true degree of strength of the above spirits shall be immediately ascertained by Tralles alcoholometer and shall be of the strength of 50 degrees per centum of pure alcohol by such alcoholometer.				
And if of greater strength, for every degree over 50 degrees by such alcoholometer, an additional duty of per gallon	—	—	0 0 8	0 0 8
And if of less strength, for ever degree below a strength of 50 degrees per centum by such alcoholo meter, a reduction of duty of per gallon	—	—	0 0 4	0 0 4
Provided always that the duty shall in no case be less than 32/4 per gallon in respect of British Empire spirits and 39/4 per gallon in respect of foreign spirits.]				
NOTE.—Spirituous compounds being medicines composed of preparations included in the British Pharmacopœia or in Volume I of the Extra Pharmacopœia which the Receiver General is satisfied are to be used in the compounding of medicines only, and other spirituous medicinal preparations containing not more than 20 per cent. of pure alcohol to be charged at the *ad valorem* rate of duty for medicines and drugs. Other spirituous medicinal preparations containing more than 20 per cent. of pure alcohol to be charged at the rate of *65/-* [35/-] per gallon in the case of British Empire and *80/-* [42/-] per gallon in the case of foreign spirits.				
(2) Not potable :—				
(*a*) Methylated, for industrial purposes ... per gallon	0 1 0	0 1 3	0 1 0	0 1 3
(*b*) Methylated, other ,,	1 15 0	2 2 0	1 15 0	2 2 0
(*c*) *Perfumed, including dentifrices, lotions, toilet preparations and washes* per gallon	3 5 0	4 0 0	—	—
or *ad val.*	50%	60%	—	—
[(*c*) Perfumed per gallon	—	—	1 15 0	2 2 0
(*d*) Dentifrices, cosmetic articles, washes, lotions and toilet preparations per gallon	—	—	0 10 0	0 12 6]
(*d*) [(*e*)] Other ,,	0 1 0	0 1 3	0 1 0	0 1 3
Any liquid containing not more than 2 per cent. by weight of alcohol shall be deemed to be *non-alcoholic* [non-spirituous].				
Tobacco :—				
(1) Manufactured :—				
(*a*) Cigars ... ... per lb.	0 12 6	0 15 0	0 10 0	0 12 6
(*b*) Cigarettes ... ,,	0 10 6	0 13 0	0 8 0	0 10 0
(*c*) Other, including snuff per lb.	0 10 6	0 13 0	0 8 0	0 10 0
(2) Unmanufactured ,,	0 1 3	0 1 6	0 1 0	0 1 3
Vegetables :—				
(3) Canned, dried, or otherwise preserved in bottles or jars *ad val.*	15%	20%	—	—
per 100 lb.	—	—	0 8 0	0 10 0
Wine :—				
(1) Sparkling per gallon	2 0 0	2 10 0	0 7 6	0 10 0
(2) Still :—				
(*a*) *Containing not more than 35 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon*	*0 12 6*	*0 15 0*	—	—
(*b*) *Containing more than 35 per cent. but not more than 38 per cent. of proof spirit per gallon*	*1 0 0*	*1 5 0*	—	—
(*c*) *Containing more than 38 per cent. proof spirit per gallon*	*1 10 0*	*1 17 6*	—	—
[(*a*) in bulk in packages of not less than 20 gallons per gallon	—	—	0 3 0	0 3 9
(*b*) in bottles or other packages less than 20 gallons per gallon	—	—	0 4 0	0 5 0
Any such liquor containing more than 20 per cent. by weight of alcohol shall be charged duty as spirits.]				

TABLE OF EXEMPTIONS FROM DUTY

The following item is deleted :—

*22.—Fresh fish, fruits and vegetables and eggs not preserved in any way and fresh provisions conveyed in ships' refrigerators or cold storage chambers and not otherwise preserved, except potatoes, other than sweet, onions and garlic.

NOTE.—The wording in *italics* represents an addition. The wording in square brackets [] represents a deletion.

* Goods formerly included under these items are presumably now dutiable as "provisions, unenumerated" (see above).

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued*

GOLD COAST

IMPORTATION OF GENEVA

A Supplement to the "Gold Coast Gazette" of 8 February 1941 contains a copy of Proclamation No. 4 of 1941 which fixes the total quantity of geneva which may be imported into the Gold Coast during the year ending 31 December 1941 at 75,359 imperial gallons.

SAMOA

CUSTOMS SURCHARGE

With reference to the notice under the heading "Revised Tariff" in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 5 October 1939 (pages 505-6), the Board of Trade have received a copy of "The Samoa Customs Order, 1939, Amendment No. 1," the effect of which is to impose surcharges as from 11 December 1940 upon the rates of import duty specified in the Second Schedule of the Samoa Customs Order, 1939. The surcharge upon British goods is 15 per cent. and upon foreign goods 25 per cent. of the duties imposed by the principal Order.

SEYCHELLES

INCREASE IN CUSTOMS DUTIES

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Regulations, 1940, of 16 December, which increase by 25 per cent. the duties on aerated and mineral waters, ale, beer, cider, perry and porter, spirits, tobacco, manufactured and unmanufactured, and wine.

These goods fall under items 1, 2, 56, 64 and 67 of the Seychelles Customs Tariff (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 2 March 1939 (page 338)).

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

CONTROL OF EXPORTS—JAM AND FRUIT PULP

The Board of Trade have received a copy of Government Notice No. 199, dated 3 February, published in the "Government Gazette Extraordinary" of the same date, which provides for the prohibition of the exportation from the Union of South Africa of jam and fruit pulp, except under a permit issued by the Canning Board.

FOREIGN

FAROE ISLANDS

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

H.M. Consul at Thorshavn reports, by telegraph, that in order to assist new import control regulations, United Kingdom exporters to the Faroe Islands should send invoices at the latest with the goods. At present many invoices arrive a considerable time afterwards, Licences are now required for goods imported into the Faroes.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TARIFF CLASSIFICATION OF DRIED AND PEELED CHESTNUT KERNELS

A United States Treasury Decision [T.D. 50326] published on 13 February notifies that dried and peeled chestnut kernels are dutiable as prepared chestnuts at the rate of 12½ cents per pound under paragraph 756 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as modified pursuant to the French Trade Agreement, rather than free of duty under paragraph 1646 as chestnuts not further advanced than crude, dried, or baked. As this ruling results in the assessment of duty on merchandise which previously has been admitted free of duty, it was to be applied only when such merchandise was entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption after 30 days after publication in the weekly Treasury Decisions.

TRADE PRACTICE RULES FOR THE LINEN INDUSTRY

The Board of Trade have received a copy of "Trade Practice Rules for the Linen Industry" promulgated on 1 February 1941 by the United States Federal Trade Commission.

The rules provide for proper identification and disclosure of the fibre content of articles or merchandise containing, or purporting to contain, linen in whole or in part and make provision *inter alia* for proper designations and descriptions to be used in marketing such merchandise in the United States.

Trade practice rules promulgated by the Commission are applicable only to merchants who handle the goods in domestic commerce. Imported goods are not subject to the rules on entering the Customs at the port of arrival, but it is understood that they are so subject when offered for sale after entry.

A copy of these rules may be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Statutory and Other Government Notices

CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS ACT, 1938

FILMS REGISTERED IN THE WEEK ENDED 1 APRIL 1941*

Title of Film	Registered in the name of	Maker's name	Length (feet)	Registered No.	Date of registration
		FOREIGN			
Islands of The West Indies ...	Columbia Pictures Corporation, Ltd.	Columbia Pictures Corporation	952	F. 3913	26 Mar.
Master of The Cue	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	844	F. 3914	26 Mar.
Screen Snapshots No. 87 ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	828	F. 3915	26 Mar.
Screen Snapshots No. 88 ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	929	F. 3916	26 Mar.
Married—But Single ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	8,498	F. 3917	26 Mar.
Port Arthur	Ditto ...	Paris Film Export	7,266	F. 3918	26 Mar.
A Bundle of Bliss	Ditto ...	Columbia Pictures Corporation	1,635	F. 3923	27 Mar.
You're Out of Luck	Pathé Pictures, Ltd.	Monogram Pictures Corporation	5,493	F. 3925	27 Mar.
Lady with Red Hair ...	Warner Bros. Pictures, Ltd. ...	Warner Bros. Pictures Inc. ...	7,019	F. 3929	27 Mar.
Blonde Inspiration	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Ltd.	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer ...	6,504	F. 3933	28 Mar.
American Spoken Here ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	946	F. 3934	28 Mar.
Beautiful Bali	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	755	F. 3935	28 Mar.
The Capital City, Washington, D.C.	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	783	F. 3936	28 Mar.
Cavalcade of San Francisco ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	797	F. 3937	28 Mar.
The Great Meddler	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	965	F. 3938	28 Mar.
Goin' Fishin'	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	869	F. 3939	28 Mar.
Kiddie Kure	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	972	F. 3940	28 Mar.
The Lonesome Stranger ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	830	F. 3941	28 Mar.
Old New Orleans	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	775	F. 3942	28 Mar.
Old New Mexico	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	764	F. 3943	28 Mar.
Papa Gets The Bird	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	715	F. 3944	28 Mar.
Please Answer	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	798	F. 3945	28 Mar.
Romeo in Rhythm	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	744	F. 3946	28 Mar.
Sea for Yourself	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	932	F. 3947	28 Mar.
Wedding Bills	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	871	F. 3948	28 Mar.
What's Your "I.Q"—No. 2	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	768	F. 3949	28 Mar.
The Strawberry Blonde ...	Warner Bros. Pictures, Ltd. ...	Warner Bros. Pictures Inc. ...	8,882	F. 3955	29 Mar.
Footsteps in the Dark ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	8,665	F. 3956	29 Mar.
Virginia	Paramount Film Service, Ltd.	Paramount Pictures Inc. ...	9,797	F. 3958	31 Mar.
Second Chorus	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	7,651	F. 3959	31 Mar.
Victory	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	7,064	F. 3960	31 Mar.
Nature's Nursery	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	875	F. 3961	31 Mar.
Listen to Larry	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	908	F. 3962	31 Mar.
The Trouble With Husbands	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	927	F. 3963	31 Mar.
My Pop, My Pop	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	634	F. 3964	31 Mar.
Sneak, Snoop and Snitch ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	574	F. 3965	31 Mar.
Motorcycle Stunting ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	858	F. 3966	31 Mar.
The Fired Man	R.K.O. Radio Pictures, Ltd. ...	R.K.O. Radio Pictures Inc. ...	1,803	F. 3967	31 Mar.
Drafted in the Depot ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	1,732	F. 3968	31 Mar.
Growing Up	Ditto ...	Pathé Inc. ...	1,639	F. 3969	31 Mar.
Motor Maniacs	Twentieth Century-Fox Film Co., Ltd.	Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation.	809	F. 3973	31 Mar.
Conquering the Colorado ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	960	F. 3974	31 Mar.
The Bone Bender Parade ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	770	F. 3975	31 Mar.
Trailing Animal Stories ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	785	F. 3976	31 Mar.
Laughing at Fate	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	838	F. 3977	31 Mar.
Filming the Fleet	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	813	F. 3978	31 Mar.
Hudson's Bay	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	8,513	F. 3979	31 Mar.
Romance of the Rio Grande	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	6,567	F. 3980	31 Mar.

* The British films registered in the week ended 1 April were listed in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3 April (page 238).

FILMS REGISTERED IN THE WEEK ENDED 11 MARCH 1941 : CORRECTION

The following is a repetition of a number of Foreign films which were misleadingly recorded in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 13 March (page 183) owing to faulty alignment in setting up in print :—

Title of Film	Registered in the name of	Maker's name	Length (feet)	Registered No.	Date of registration
		FOREIGN			
Five Little Peppers In Trouble	Columbia Pictures Corporation, Ltd.	Columbia Pictures Corporation	5,737	F. 3862	10 Mar.
School Boy Dreams	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	521	F. 3863	10 Mar.
On Guard	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5,616	F. 3864†	10 Mar.
The Spook Speaks	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	1,662	F. 3865	10 Mar.
The Lone Wolf Keeps a Date	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5,828	F. 3866	10 Mar.
Nice Work If You Can Do It...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	826	F. 3867	10 Mar.
Trail of the Vigilantes ...	General Film Distributors, Ltd.	Universal Pictures Co., Inc. ...	6,734	F. 3869	11 Mar.
Black Diamonds	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	*5,419	F. 3870	11 Mar.
Hot Steel	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5,511	F. 3871	11 Mar.
Margie	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5,387	F. 3872	11 Mar.
Sandy Gets Her Man ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5,945	F. 3873	11 Mar.
The Bank Detective	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	6,495	F. 3874	11 Mar.
The Mummy's Hand ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	6,126	F. 3875	11 Mar.
San Francisco Docks... ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	5,972	F. 3876	11 Mar.
Junior "G" Men (Serial) :—					
Ep. 1. Enemies Within ...	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	1,645	F. 3877	11 Mar.
Ep. 2. The Blast of Doom	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	1,868	F. 3878	11 Mar.
Ep. 3. Human Dynamite	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	1,743	F. 3879	11 Mar.
Ep. 4. The Blazing Danger	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	1,641	F. 3880	11 Mar.
Ep. 5. Trapped by Traitors	Ditto ...	Ditto ...	1,844	F. 3881	11 Mar.

The registered length of the film "Variety Hour" (Br. 14447), notification of which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 24 March 1937, has been altered to 4,399 feet.

*Not 5,491 †Not 3,846

Statutory and other Government Notices—*Contd.*

POSTAL SECTION

AIR MAIL POSTCARD SERVICE TO H.M. FORCES IN MIDDLE EAST, EAST AFRICA AND MALTA AND H.M. SHIPS IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

The Postmaster-General announces that, in order to provide a means of communicating cheaply and quickly by air mail with members of H.M. Army and R.A.F. serving with the Middle East Force, the East Africa Force and in Malta, and with personnel of H.M. Ships (including vessels on Government Service whose address is C/o G.P.O. London) in the Eastern Mediterranean, a new air mail postcard service has, with the co-operation of the Service Departments and British Overseas Airways Corporation, been introduced. The air postcard rate for this new service to the destinations mentioned is 3d., and the postcards will be forwarded by air all the way to the respective bases.

In order to secure the most economical use of the aircraft space available, the new service is strictly limited to the transmission of thin postcards; the ordinary thin postcard impressed with a 2d. stamp sold at Post Offices, or any other postcard of similar size and weight, is suitable. In the former case an additional 1d. stamp should be affixed to make up the postage to 3d., and in the latter case postage stamps to the value of 3d. should be affixed. A blue air mail label (obtainable free of charge at any Post Office) must be affixed in the top left-hand corner of the address part of the postcard, or alternatively the words "By Air Mail" may be written prominently in the same position.

NOTE.—The above service is also available to H.M. Forces in Greece, as forming part of the Middle East Force.

AIR MAIL LETTERS

Owing to the limited aircraft accommodation available, it is not possible to forward air mail letters all the way by air, and such letters for these destinations prepaid at 1s. 3d. per half-ounce, will continue to be dispatched by sea to the continent of Africa for onward conveyance by air. The new postcard service will, therefore, be much quicker and much cheaper than the present air mail letter service. The object of the new service is to enable the Forces to receive speedy family news from home.

BANKRUPTCY APPOINTMENTS

INSPECTOR-GENERAL IN BANKRUPTCY

The Board of Trade have appointed Mr. Arthur Harold Ward, O.B.E., to be Inspector-General in Bankruptcy and Registrar of Deeds of Arrangement with effect from 3 April 1941 in place of Mr. Daniel Williams, C.B.E., retired.

Mr. Ward will retain the appointments of Inspector of Official Receivers and Official Receiver for the London (Suburbs) and Northern and London (Suburbs) and Southern Bankruptcy Districts.

The Board have also appointed Mr. Harold Wheeler, Official Receiver in Bankruptcy for the District of the Bristol, Bath, Bridgwater, Cheltenham, Frome, Gloucester, Swindon and Wells County Courts, to be also Official Receiver in Bankruptcy for the District of the Exeter, Barnstaple, Taunton and Torquay County Courts with effect from 1 April 1941, in the place of Mr. W. R. Cocks, resigned.

FILM REGISTRATIONS, 1940-41

The numbers of films registered under the Cinematograph Films Act, 1938, during the renters' quota period ended 31 March 1941 were as follows (figures for the periods 1938/39 and 1939/40 are also given for purposes of comparison):—

	Long		Short	
	Foreign	British	Foreign	British
1940/41 ...	400	65 ...	373	230
1939/40 ...	399	108 ...	508	207
1938/39 ...	535	103 ...	776	275

The registrations of British films may be further analysed as follows (the comparable figures for 1939/40 are shown in brackets):—

Registered for Exhibitors' quota only	23 (25)
Registered for Exhibitors' and Renters' quota (single)	20 (57)
Registered for Exhibitors' and Renters' quota (double)	19 (20)
Registered for Exhibitors' and Renters' quota (treble)	3 (6)
	65 (108)

Statutory and other Government Notices—*Contd.*

PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACTS, 1907 TO 1939

PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24

The following Patents were indorsed "Licences of Right" on 2 April 1941.

No. of Patent	Grantee	Subject matter
348,815	English Electric Co., Ltd. & anr.	Electric motor controllers and the like.
449,830	Reason, R. E., & anr.	Sight testing apparatus.
494,687	Kapella, Ltd., & anr.	Optical projection apparatus.
497,516	Dufour, L.	Tools for motor cultivating machines.

The Patent Office.

M. F. LINDLEY,
Comptroller-General.

Announcements

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EXCHANGE CONTROL PAYMENT FOR EXPORTS

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

As exporters are aware, goods exported to most foreign countries and Canada must be accompanied by a form C.D.3, in which must be given particulars of the goods and of the way in which payment will be made for them. These requirements are based on Regulation 5B of the Defence (Finance) Regulations (Second Edn., 1 January 1941, price 6d.), and are intended to ensure that the exports are paid for in such a way that their value is available to augment the foreign exchange resources of the country.

Additional provisions have now been inserted in the Regulation by Order-in-Council made on 4 April (S.R. & O. 1941, No. 474) under which exporters must not delay unreasonably the sale of goods which they hold abroad, nor sell them for less than their proper value, or for payment in a manner other than those prescribed for the purpose of the Regulation. Furthermore, where goods have been lying abroad unsold for a certain period (normally six months) the Treasury may give directions to the owner to ensure that they are sold or may require them to be handed over to the Treasury's nominee for disposal.

These provisions apply to goods shipped from any country in the sterling area at any time and lying in the country abroad to which the Regulation applies, provided that they are under the control of a resident in the United Kingdom.

EFFECT OF NEW PROVISIONS

Their effect will be not only to penalise evasion attempted in pursuit of private benefit but to prevent any individual from diverting to his own ends foreign exchange resources essential to the national requirements. These powers are not directed, nor will they be used, against the genuine trader carrying on his normal business. The sale of goods or payment for them may be delayed by a variety of causes outside the exporter's control, and so long as the delays are not of his own making he will not be imperilled by the Regulation. If he is in any doubt he should consult the Exchange Control through his own bank. Exporters will, however, appreciate the vital importance of securing payment for exports at the earliest possible date and avoiding unnecessarily long credit, so that the foreign exchange resulting from them may be available with the minimum of delay to pay for essential imports and services abroad.

PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS RELATING TO TRADE AND SHIPPING

I.—ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

Assurance Companies' Returns, 1938. 27s. 6d. (28s. 1d.)

Authorised Gas Undertakings in Great Britain, 1937, Part II, 10s. 6d. (10s. 11d.); 1938, Part I, 4s. 6d. (4s. 8d.)

Bankruptcy: 56th General Annual Report, 1938. 9d. (11d.)

*Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings: Account, year ended 31 March 1939. (H.C. 106/1939-40.) 1d. (2d.)

Boiler Explosions Acts, 1882 and 1890: Report, 1938. 3d. (5d.)

*British Shipping (Assistance) Act, 1935: Account of Advances under Part II of the Act, and of sums received on account of interest or repayment, 1939-40, with report of Comptroller and Auditor General. (H.C. 174/1939-40.) 1d. (2d.)

Census of Seamen, 15 June 1938. 9d. (11d.)

Coal Mines Act, 1911: Regulations and Orders relating to Safety and Health. 1939 Edn. (Revised 20 January 1939.) 1s. 6d. (1s. 10d.)

Coal Mines Act, 1911: Reports (Divisional) of H.M. Inspectors, 1938. 1s. (1s. 3d.) each.

*Coal Mines Act, 1930: Report by the Board of Trade under Section 7 on the Working of Schemes under Part I since the December quarter 1937. [Cmd. 6170.] 4d. (5d.)

*Coalmining Industry: Statistical Summary of Output for year ended 31 December 1938. [Cmd. 5983.] 1d. (2d.)

Companies: 48th General Annual Report, 1938. 4d. (6d.)

*Cotton Spindles Board: 3rd Annual Report. [Cmd. 6157.] 2d. (3d.)

*Cunard Insurance Fund Account, 1938-39. (H.C. 6/1939-40.) 1d. (2d.)

Examinations for Certificates of Competency in the Mercantile Marine and the Sea Fishing Service: Report, 1938. 2d. (3d.)

Gas Fund: Accounts, 1939-40. 1d. (2d.)

*General Lighthouse Fund Account, 1938-39. (H.C. 59/1939-40.) 3d. (4d.)

Mercantile Marine Department Surveyors, Inspectors of Ships' Provisions, etc. List showing Districts, with Officers stationed at each Port. Circular 297. 1 April 1939. 2d. (3d.)

Mercantile Navy List and Maritime Directory, 1940. £1 5s. (£1 5s. 7d.)

Merchant Shipping: List of Principal Acts, Regulations, etc. January 1940. 6d. (8d.)

*Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1937 (Dispensing Powers): Report on cases during 1938. (H.C. 87/1938-39.) 1d. (2d.)

Mines: List, Great Britain and Isle of Man, 1938. 10s. (10s. 6d.)

Mines: Report of H.M. Electrical Inspector, 1938. 9d. (1s.)

Mines and Quarries: Deaths Caused by Accidents in Mines and Quarries of Great Britain together with the Isle of Man. Provisional Statement, 1939. 2d. (3d.)

Mines and Quarries: Reports of H.M. Inspectors, 1938. 4d. (5d.)

Mines Department: 18th Annual Report, 1938. 4s. (4s. 5d.)

Mines: Safety in Mines Research Board. 16th Annual Report, 1937. 2s. (2s. 4d.)

*Mining Industry Act, 1926: Eleventh Report respecting Reorganisation. [Cmd. 5982.] 1d. (2d.)

Navigation and Shipping of the U.K.: Annual Statement, 1938. 3s. (3s. 3d.)

*Patents, Designs and Trade Marks: 57th Report, 1939. (H.C. 125/1939-40.) 6d. (7d.)

*Pilotage: Abstract of Returns, 1938. (H.C. 181/1938-39.) 3d. (4d.)

Quarries: List, 1937. 10s. (10s. 6d.)

Shipping Casualties to and Deaths on Vessels registered in U.K., etc., 1938. 4d. (5d.)

Signal Letters for British Ships, 1940. 2s. (2s. 3d.)

*Statistical Abstract for the British Empire, 1929-38. No. 68. [Cmd. 6140.] 3s. 6d. (3s. 10d.)

*Statistical Abstract for the U.K., 1924-38. No. 83. [Cmd. 6232.] 7s. (7s. 6d.)

Survey of Industrial Development, 1938. 6d. (8d.)

Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries: Annual Statement, 1938; Vol. IV, 17s. 6d. (18s. 1d.). 1939; Vol. I, 12s. 6d. (13s. 1d.); Vol. II, 22s. 6d. (23s. 2d.); Vol. III, 15s. (15s. 7d.)

Weights and Measures: Report for 1938. 6d. (8d.)

II.—QUARTERLY, MONTHLY AND WEEKLY PUBLICATIONS

Board of Trade Journal. 6d. (8d.) Annual Subscription, 26s. (32s. 6d.)

*Coal Mining Industry: Statistical Summary of Output. For Quarter ended 30 June 1939. [Cmd. 6104.] 1d. (2d.)

Output of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, etc.: Quarter ended 30 June 1939. 4d. (5d.)

Trade and Commerce of Certain Foreign Countries and British Countries Overseas: Accounts for the Quarter ended 31 March 1939. 9d. (1s.)

*Trade of the U.K.: Accounts, December, 1940. (H.C. 35-XI/1939-40.) 2d. (3d.)

III.—OCCASIONAL AND SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

Issued since 1 April 1940

Census of Production (5th) and Import Duties Act Inquiry, 1935. Final Report. Part III. The Food, Drink and Tobacco Trades; the Chemical and Allied Trades; Miscellaneous Trades. 9s. (9s. 6d.)

Concentration of Production: Explanatory Memorandum. [Cmd. 6258.] 1d. (2d.)

Export, Control of. List of Goods, the exportation of which from the United Kingdom is controlled under the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 39) Order, 1940, showing the position on 15 November 1940. 6d. (7d.)

Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 5) Order, 1940: Explanatory Memorandum. 3d. (4d.) List of persons whose names were, on January 8, 1941, entered in the Home Trade Register. 20s. 6d. (20s. 9d.)

Limitation of Supplies (Woven Textiles) (No. 7) Order, 1941: Explanatory Memorandum, 4d. (5d.)

Masters of Transports, Instructions, 1940. 1s. (1s. 2d.)

*Ministry of Shipping: Memorandum on War-Time Financial Arrangements between His Majesty's Government and British Shipowners. August 1940. [Cmd. 6218.] 4d. (5d.)

IV.—PATENT OFFICE PUBLICATIONS

Official Journal (Patents). Published weekly.

Trade Marks Journal. Published weekly.

Price, in each instance, per copy 1s. (inland), 1s. 2d. (abroad).

Annual subscription £2 10s. (inland), £2 15s. (abroad).

Reports of Patent, Design and Trade Mark Cases. Published periodically.

Price per copy 2s. (inland), 2s. 1d. (abroad).

Annual subscription £1 5s. (inland), £1 10s. (abroad).

Patent Specifications.

Price per copy 1s. (inland), 1s. 1d. (abroad).

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Owing to the war certain Patent Office publications, including the Volumes of Abridgments of United Kingdom Specifications and the Name Indexes (Patents, Designs and Trade Marks), have been suspended, but full particulars relating to Patent Office publications generally can be obtained from the Sale Branch of the Patent Office, 25, Southampton Buildings, London, W.C.2.

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